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Presenting the New Silt Branch Library!

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Not to be overlooked is the array of new materials you will find in the library. The collection features almost 4,000 new items including 3,000 books, 400 movies, 125 music CDs and 200 books on CD. So bring your library card (or register for one) and take home some of these great new materials.

The fun will continue after the Grand Opening Ceremony as library staff have lined up a number of exciting, free programs for the next few months, including concerts, craft programs, storytimes, and a 5-part reading and discussion series on the Civil War. The Silt Branch Library is one of 150 libraries nationwide selected to host "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War." Discussions will be held Saturdays between October 13 and November 17. Participants will receive a ticket to attend a screening of



The Grand Opening Celebration for the new library is Saturday, October 6!

Lincoln, a Steven Spielberg blockbuster that opens in theaters on November 16. Discover this pivotal period of American history with your community. Registration is required for this unique experience.

The 5th Element Coming for RE-2 Students

For the second year in a row, the Garfield County Libraries were one of ten public libraries in Colorado to receive a Library and Services Technology Act (LSTA) Grant. Garfield County Libraries' \$20,000 grant award will be used to support "The 5th Element," a new enrichment program that will offer free 5th day services to RE-2 students.

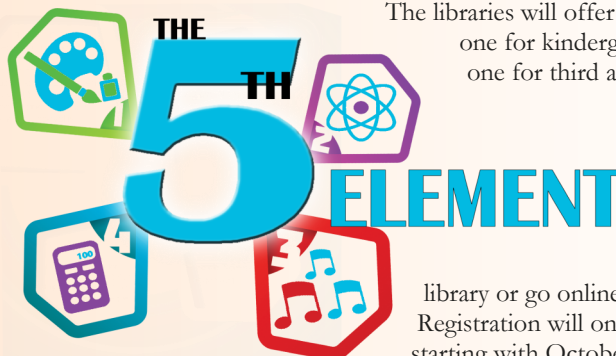
The 5th Element will offer two-hour sessions on math, science, art, and music at the New Castle, Silt, and Rifle Branch Libraries for children in kindergarten through 4th grade. These sessions will be taught by RE-2's active, substitute, and retired teachers and will be held on Friday afternoons between October 26, 2012 and May 17, 2013.

Teachers will incorporate hands-on, engaging activities in every class. Participants can expect a high-quality, interactive program.

The libraries will offer two sessions every Friday afternoon: one for kindergartners through second graders, and one for third and fourth graders.

Each session will be limited to 25 students, on a first-come, first served basis. In total, 150 students can participate in this program each week. Starting October 12, parents are encouraged to call their local

library or go online to pre-register their children. Registration will only be open for two Fridays at a time, starting with October 26 and November 2.



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Update from the Director

Four Down, Two to Go!

On the first page you read all about the new Silt Branch Library. Staff has been working tirelessly to get the building ready for its big day and we hope to see everyone there.

Like the District's other facilities, this one is extremely energy efficient with low e glass, extra insulation

in the walls and roof, south facing exposures and low water landscaping and fixtures.

The library has ten public computers plus ten laptops for adequate access for the public to the internet. There's also a cozy reading area with a fireplace and an interactive early



Rendering of the new Glenwood Springs Branch.

childhood literacy installation for children ages zero to five.

In other construction news, the Glenwood Springs project is preparing to start going upwards after completing the shoring and concrete work for the

parking structure under the building. The District is partnering with Colorado Mountain College to bring a new 14,000 square foot library to downtown

that will have meeting and study spaces, teen and children areas, a quiet reading room and a community plaza. The project is on track to open in September of 2013. Carbondale's new library is also underway with steel work going on through the fall and looking to

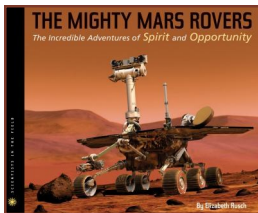
open mid-summer 2013. The new Carbondale facility is being built with a number of sustainable features and the District hopes to put enough solar power on the building to reduce electrical costs to a minimum. It also features a number of study rooms, a large meeting/quiet study area, a south patio and expanded children's and teen spaces.

As we complete these new libraries we are also keeping a close eye on operational and maintenance costs and planning our budgets accordingly to manage these facilities. Each building is designed to allow staff to efficiently manage the space while maximizing public space and access to materials and resources. I hope you'll share your thoughts with me on our capital program by emailing me at ashelley@gcpld.org.



Rendering of the new Carbondale Branch.

Book Recommendations from Staff Members



The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity

by Elizabeth Rusch

With the landing of *Curiosity*, the United States robotic rover that landed on Mars to gather samples and photographs of the planet, interest in the search for evidence of life on Mars has been rekindled. In this

book, youth and adults alike can learn about the history of the exploration of Mars. Robots have brought insight into the makeup and geological history of the planet. Meet Steven Squyers, principal science investigator, as he grows from a teenage boy, building robots to sending his robots to explore Mars' surface.

This highly informative book covers the exploration of Mars from the early Mariner 9 spacecraft photographs as it circled Mars. When the Viking 1 and Viking 2 set down on Mars to collect samples, Steven knew "exactly what I wanted to do with the rest of my life". He wanted to build and send a robot rover to Mars that would be able to move across the surface and collect samples of many areas. He stubbornly wrote proposals to NASA for eight years, never giving up, and was finally successful when he was asked to design two rovers.

If you are inventive and curious about Mars or science in general, this book will not only inspire you to never give up your ambition but will also share photographs and information that will teach you about the makeup of Mars and the possibility of life on the planet.

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-Diane Webster, New Castle

Born To Run

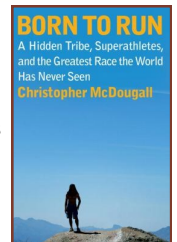
by Christopher McDougall

Born to Run is an epic journey for all those involved. McDougall weaves a story that is part anecdote and part research into something that is both compelling and engaging. The beginning of this adventure starts off with one simple question: *Why does my foot hurt?* In search for an answer to this we get to

explore all the wild places and amazing people McDougall encountered along the way. The book introduces us to characters from all over the world with one thing in common: running. As we are introduced to each new person, we take a step off the main path of the story to seamlessly explore the story of this individual. McDougall talks people, nutrition, anthropology, history, and personal experience, with plenty of information to grasp onto, and never leaves us lost from the story that is being told.

We start the book with Christopher McDougall at home wondering why his foot is hurting, and end in the Copper Canyons with the Tarahumara Indians and a group of outsiders for, as the subtitle tells us, the greatest race the world has never seen. I would highly recommend this book to anyone and everyone; you don't have to love to run to love this book.

-Lee VanMatre, New Castle



The Big Read 2013

The Garfield County Libraries are one of 78 organizations nationwide to receive a grant for The Big Read.

The program will be held throughout Garfield County

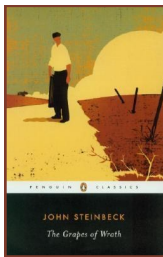
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in February of 2013, and will feature book discussions, lectures, movie screenings, and performing arts events related to the Great Depression, the current recession, and other topics relevant to *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. For more information about The Big Read, please visit neabigread.org. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



Art in the Stacks

Featured Artist: Jen Sanborn

Jen Sanborn has been making art for over 35 years. After earning her BFA in Fine Art from the University of Arizona, she traveled the country as a freelance photographer. Settling in Rifle, Colorado 20 years ago, she's balanced raising her kids, painting and her photography business.



Jen's oil paintings are usually inspired by the simple wonders one finds in nature or around home. It can be as simple as how light falls across a forest, as complex as an impending storm on a field of sagebrush, or as pleasant as a hound dog sleeping in the sun. After traveling around the country to find her inspiration, she has now recognized that some of the best views are from around home in Western Colorado.

Jen's "Things that Matter" is an exhibit on display at the Rifle Branch in October and November, honoring the beauty found in simple things. An Artist Reception will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rifle Branch Library featuring a talk with the artist and refreshments.

Movie & Music Recommendations from Staff Members

The Hunger Games (2012)

If you haven't heard of or seen the movie "The Hunger Games" yet, by all means seek it out. Based on the young adult novel of the same title, it explores a futuristic look at life in the nation of Panem and the twelve districts that make it up.



Even though the premise of the movie (and book) is quite violent and dark, the story itself is intriguing. Every year, two "tributes" ages 12 to 18 are chosen randomly from each district to participate in the annual Hunger Games. These young people are brought to an arena in the capital and are expected to fight to the death on reality TV. The victor is literally the last person alive.

Katniss Everdeen, from District 12, volunteers for the 74th annual Hunger Games after her younger sister Primrose is chosen. The other tribute from District 12, Peta Mellark, and their mentor, Haymitch Abernathy, embark on the improbable journey of survival.

The cast does a terrific job of bringing the characters to life, the cinematography is cutting-edge and the experience is gripping. Even though the movie is rated PG-13, the only caution I have is the casual depiction of young people dying. If you have younger children, make sure you watch it with them. All in all, a great book to film adaptation.

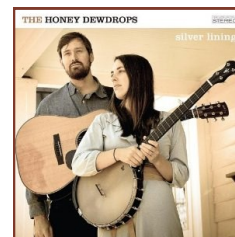
-Christy Nilsson, New Castle

Silver Lining

by The Honey Dewdrops

This is the third musical release by the husband & wife team, the Honey Dewdrops. They originate from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Their music is a soulful and fresh take on folk and old time country music, and shows echoes of their background growing up in Virginia.



They weave their spell around you with their skillful use of guitars, a banjo, a mandolin, and haunting vocals. I highly recommend their newest release "Silver Lining".

It will enchant you.

-Ann Honchell, New Castle

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Meet Your Librarian

Mollie Honan
Circulation Coordinator
Gordon Cooper Branch Library



Mollie Honan received the call to librarianship her senior year of high school. The sign came from the book *Ex-Libris* by Ross King. Not many would find themselves envious of a wrinkled old man who handled even more wrinkled manuscripts every day, but such was the case. There were, of course, other signs: a love of books, a love of reading (yes, there is a difference), and a superior role model in the form of her high school librarian, Karol Sacca (now Branch Manager of the Parachute Branch Library).

Now armed with at least a general heading in life, if not with absolute purpose, Mollie headed to Oregon. There she studied writing and literature, worked in the university library, and ran hurdles.

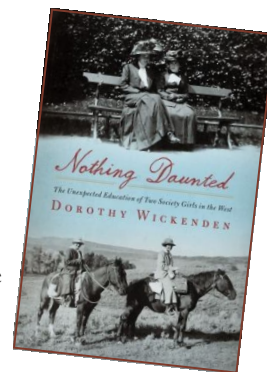
Thus trained and wearing the appropriate librarian bun and glasses, Mollie returned to the Rocky Mountains. While searching for library jobs, she began coaching middle school sports, specifically volleyball, basketball, and track. In 2010, she began working part time at the Gordon Cooper Branch as a library assistant and now enjoys the title, "Circulation Coordinator." One library job, however, could not quell the calling. What began as volunteer work soon turned into a part time job as the Carbondale Middle School librarian, where she recommends books to unsuspecting students. Now with a perfect complement of two libraries and coaching, Mollie plans to take over the world... one book at a time.

One Book, One Town

The Friends of the Gordon Cooper Library present *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden as the 9th annual One Book One Town book selection. Wickenden will speak in the Round Room at the 3rd Street Center on Monday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

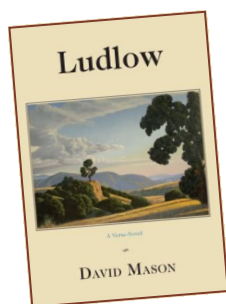
Nothing Daunted, which began as a much-admired 2009 New Yorker article, is both intimate and epic. It is a story of two supremely engaging women swept up in some of the strongest currents of the country's history. Wickenden captures the uncomplaining frontier women and the strutting young cowboys, the dialect and personalities of her grandmother's irrepressible young students, and the violent kidnapping of Bob Perry who had begun successfully courting Rosamond.

Check out a copy of the book at the library, and *get to know your neighbor through a book!*



Common Reader

Each Fall, CMC holds a Common Reader program that encourages students and community members to read a selected title, and then culminates with the author visiting local campuses. The Garfield County Libraries have once again partnered with CMC to help them offer this high-quality program. The Common Reader is designed to initiate a community-wide dialogue among all of Garfield County's residents.



This year, the featured book is *Ludlow* by Colorado's Poet Laureate, David Mason. This verse novel tells the story of the Ludlow Massacre in southern Colorado on April 20, 1914, when striking immigrant miners and their families were attacked and many killed by the Colorado National Guard. This selection reflects on a momentous event in American labor relations and Colorado history.

We encourage you to take part in this community reading program. The Garfield County Libraries have 40 copies of the book available for checkout. Additionally, you can participate in CMC's art and creative writing contest. Finally, don't miss Mason's lecture at your local CMC campus. Mason will speak at the West Garfield Campus in Rifle on Monday, November 5 at 7 p.m. and at the Spring Valley Campus on Tuesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. All community members are invited to attend these free events. For more information visit www.gcpld.org.

New Library Hours

The New Castle & Rifle Branch Libraries will be switching late nights effective **September 1.**

The new hours of operation will be:
Monday & Wednesday 10 - 8
Tuesday & Thursday 10 - 6
Friday & Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday (Rifle only) 1 - 5

A full listing of Garfield County Libraries' hours of operation can be found at www.gcpld.org.

Vibrant Volunteer

Kathie Bernat
Main Library of Service: Rifle
Time Volunteering: 11+ Years

Kathie Bernat has been volunteering with the libraries longer than any of the current staff at the Rifle Branch have been working there! Known for her dedication to the library and the community, Kathie is a ray of sunshine that warms everyone she is around. Her infectious smile and attitude are always present whether she is reading shelves, shelving books, or tackling any other project that comes her way. In addition



"I was immediately taken by her smile, her charm, but most of all by her dedication to this library!"

-Carol Foreman, Rifle Branch Manager

to her time and talents, Kathie openly shares the produce from her bountiful garden... her cucumbers and squash are unmatched.

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A role model of commitment, positive attitude, and work ethic, Kathie is one of Garfield County Library's best volunteers and a shining beacon in our community.

Sign up for the Newsletter

Did you know you can get this quarterly newsletter, Page by Page, emailed or mailed to you when it's still hot off the presses? Sign up by giving your name and address (email or postal mail) to any library staff member.

You can also email your request to gcpldadmin@gcpld.org. It's that simple!

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Discover Earth Photo Contest Winner

As part of the Discover Earth exhibit, which resided in Rifle from June through August, the libraries accepted photos for the exhibit's Environmental Image Wall. People were encouraged to submit pictures showing the changes Garfield County has encountered in the last century. There were a total of 34 entries depicting weather, animals, construction projects, landscapes, and natural disasters. The library staff chose 5 finalists for this photo contest and then asked the public to choose the winner. Steve Vanderleest was the winner, and was awarded a copy of the book *The Colorado River: Flowing Through Conflict* signed by authors Peter McBride and Jonathan Waterman.



Steve Vanderleest submitted "Highway 82 Then and Now." His entry was voted the best of the top five qualifiers by people throughout Garfield County.



Save the Date



Celebrate National
Friends of the Library Appreciation Week
by being our guests at a luncheon:

Saturday, October 27
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meet other Friends from around Garfield County as we discuss what it means to be a Friend of the Library. The day includes lunch, fabulous door prizes and is free to all Friends! Call 625-4270 to RSVP by October 15th. Space is limited!

Hosted by the
Friends of the New Castle Branch Library
and the Garfield County Public Library Foundation.

October 27, 2012

Upcoming Closures

All Garfield County Libraries will be closed the following dates:

October 1

All Day • Staff Training Day

November 21

Closing Early • 6 pm • Thanksgiving

November 22 & 23

All Day • Thanksgiving & Day After

December 9

Closing Early • 4 pm
Staff Holiday Party

December 24 & 25

All Day • Christmas

December 31

Closing Early

5 pm
New Years

January 1

All Day
New Years



Us on Facebook

For updates on: Books, Movies, Events, Photos, Contests, and More!

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You can also like our branch-specific pages:

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Coming Soon... Silt's page!

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New Storytime Schedules

With a new school year now off and running, the libraries are introducing new storytime schedules. Some branches are changing days of the week, and others are adding events. Take a look and see what's available at your local branch:



Gordon Cooper Branch in Carbondale

- Mondays at 6 p.m. for families
- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. en español
- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for preschoolers
- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers & infants

Glenwood Springs

- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers
- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for preschoolers

New Castle

- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for preschoolers
- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for toddlers

Silt

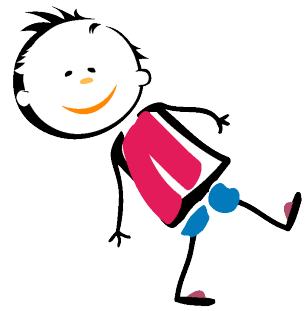
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Fridays at 10 a.m.

Rifle

- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Parachute

- Mondays at 11 a.m. Ready to Read for preschoolers
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Toddler Time



Database Spotlight

Opposing Viewpoints in Context

It's that time again! There's nothing like a presidential election to bring out the inner debater in all of us. Campaign advertisements flood local television networks and Facebook feeds feature every flavor of political propaganda. How do you know what to believe? The library is here to save you from embarrassing political gaffes. We offer databases that specialize in providing information from multiple perspectives on various topics from the political hot buttons to the everyday debates that shape our community.

The database Opposing Viewpoints in Context has materials on more than 13,000 political, social, and scientific issues. Whether you want information on financial deregulation, fracking, capital punishment, or modern-day piracy, Opposing Viewpoints provides articles and editorials from leading national newspapers and magazines as well as videos, images, and audio. There are even links to relevant authoritative websites and academic journals.

Since presidential elections are often examined state by state, it's fun to take a peek at how different issues stack up between states. Opposing Viewpoints has state level maps with statistics on dozens of different issues from the serious to the curious. Who knew that Pennsylvania has more anglers than any other state or that Michigan leads the nation in organ transplants? Florida is more than just a swing state, it's also number one for political corruption.

To find information on a specific presidential candidate, you can use the search box to search for the candidate's name and the issue you are investigating. For example, entering

"Romney Obama health care" returns 55 relevant news articles as well as video and audio clips.

If you are a teacher, Opposing Viewpoints has links to state and national curriculum standards as well as lesson plans. For high school and middle school students, Opposing Viewpoints is a great place to start research for any science or social studies project.

Of course it's always good to do your research in more than one database, and the library also offers the Points of View Reference Center. Here you can find additional resources on many of the same topics. The best way to use Points of View Reference Center is to use the search box to find a topic and then narrow your search using the tabs for the types of resources or the subjects in the left sidebar.

No matter what topic you're curious about (or whenever you need to write a paper on for school), the library databases have you covered!

To access Opposing Viewpoints in Context or Points of View Reference Center, go to our website at www.gcpld.org. Click on the "Research" tab and then click on "Newspapers/News" in the left sidebar. From there you can access either database by clicking on the name of the database. You will need your library card to log in from home. Don't have a library card? Apply online.

For assistance using any of our databases or for any research questions, contact your local branch library.



Teen & Tween Spot

Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week is a celebration of reading for the fun of it. Books, magazines, comic books, ebooks - we don't care what form it takes, as long as you are enjoying the story.

This year the Parachute and Rifle Branch Libraries invite teens to "Get Caught Reading" during Teen Read Week., October 14 -20.

If you are caught reading at anytime during the week you will be given a Caught Reading coupon. Bring your coupon to the library to redeem for a special prize!



Get Your Scare On



With Halloween fast approaching it's time to start planning all the ways you can enjoy the thrills and chills of the season. Here are some of the events the libraries have available for teens:

Create a Horrifying Halloween Wreath

Rifle Branch Library ♦ Friday, October 19 ♦ 1:00 pm

Halloween Horror Movie and Spooky Costume Contest

Rifle Branch Library ♦ Friday, October 26 ♦ 7:00 pm

Teen Monster Mash

New Castle Branch Library ♦ Saturday, October 27 ♦ 3:00 pm

Pumpkin Carving Contest (one pumpkin per family)

Parachute Branch Library ♦ Drop off pumpkins Monday, October 29 ♦ 10 am - 6 pm

Paranormal Teen Party

Silt Branch Library ♦ October 30 ♦ 6:30 pm



Changing lives one word at a time.

Literacy Outreach

Numbers are Important too

"Two!"

"Five!"

"Two!"

My granddaughter is yelling out her favorite numbers. She knows some other numbers, but these are the best. Just ask her.

And her Spanish-speaking grandparents are, indeed, asking her. They have just asked how many chicos are sitting at the table. "Two!" she grins. (The answer is three.)

Then they ask her how many chicas are sitting here. "Five!" (The answer is four.)

Wrong answers, right atmosphere. We are all having a great time as we count out the girls and the boys at the table.

Our granddaughter is 2 ½, so she still has plenty of time to figure out the real answers to these questions before she goes to school. But the fun she's having, trying to count 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 is hilarious to watch. She's grinning and playing. We are bubbling with happiness at her leaps in comprehension of numbers. And while we are all having a great time, some very serious learning is taking place.

"Ongoing research is shedding new light on the importance of math to children's success. Math skill at kindergarten entry is an even stronger predictor of later school achievement than reading skills or the ability to pay attention."



An article in the Wall Street Journal on August 29, 2012, reveals just how serious playing with numbers can be. Sue Shellenbarger reports:

Ongoing research is shedding new light on the importance of math to children's success. Math skill entering kindergarten is an even stronger predictor of later school achievement than reading skills or the ability to pay attention, according to a 2007 study in the journal *Developmental Psychology*.

So we play. And she learns.

We can all learn to play with numbers, to enjoy their magic, and to help our children get a kick out of math. The earlier we begin, the better. If you would like a few ideas about how to start, an excellent website for parents of all ages is bedtimemathproblem.org. It presents ideas for a playful (and thoughtful) question to talk about as you tuck the children into bed. No pressure, just interesting fun. Some other websites that are worth looking into are: [coolmath4parents](http://coolmath4parents.com), FunBrain.com, and NewtonsWindow.com. There are lots more. A quick search will turn up idea after idea.

So. We are Literacy Outreach. We change the lives of non-readers *One Word at a Time*. But we don't forget the numbers. As we teach adults to learn to read, we also teach them to find confidence with math concepts. It's so very important. And it's especially important to our kids.

-Terrie Drake, literacy volunteer

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Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Glenwood Springs 970-945-5958

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

New Castle 970-984-2346

Mon. & Wed. 10-8 Tues. & Thurs. 10-6
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Silt 970-876-5500

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Rifle 970-625-3471

Mon. & Wed. 10-8 Tues. & Thurs. 10-6
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

Parachute 970-285-9870

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

The libraries are closed on most
Federal holidays



Founding Our Future

The Garfield County Libraries have had a Foundation since 1998, but only recently has the Foundation become more active in supporting the libraries. In 2011, the Library Foundation started “Books for Babies,” a program supported through the City Market Cares program. Books for Babies provides a new bi-lingual board book for children through local medical offices during the child’s first well check visit. The board book comes with a book bag, library card application, and a brochure on the importance of reading to your child in English and Spanish. The Foundation has given away nearly 1,000 of these book bags already, and the program is going strong.

An additional role for the Library Foundation is to serve as a conduit for grant funds to come to the library. In the past two years, over \$ 210,000 has been awarded to the Foundation for a variety of programs and for enhancements to new facilities.

Programming grants have included funding for Discover Earth, GoToWorkshops@YourLibrary, The 5th Element, The Big Read, and the Summer Reading Program.

Finally, the Library Foundation helps connect the libraries to potential donors. In the last two years, the Foundation has raised over \$140,000 from private individuals and corporations to support new facilities and on-going programs. The Library Foundation works with each community’s Friends of the Library group to help ensure that the funds raised locally, stay local. The funds raised by the Friends, and by the Foundation through other private donors and grants, make a tremendous difference in the quality of library service GCPLD is able to offer our communities.

You can find out more about the Library Foundation, the Friends of the Library, as well as giving and volunteer opportunities, go to:
www.gcpld.org/content/donate-library.



Patrons at the New Castle Branch enjoy the interactive early literacy space which was paid for in part by a grant received by the Foundation.